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THE WAR AT HOME

PART 7 OF 7

IS TARGET ACQUIRED?

NEGATIVE, ONLY SECONDARY TARGET. I'M GOOD TO GO IF YOU WANT TO--

HOLD OFF FOR NOW. SECONDARY TARGET IS VIABLE AS A CONSOLATION PRIZE. THE PRIMARY TARGET REMAINS--

PETER?

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IT'S PETER. HE WANTS TO TALK TO YOU.

GOOD. HE'S ALREADY AN HOUR LATE FOR DINNER.

HEY, TIGER...

HEY, SWEETIE.

SO WHEN'RE YOU COMING HOME? WE CLEANED OUT THE ROACHES JUST FOR YOU, AND--

MJ, I...

YOU'VE GOT YOUR SERIOUS VOICE ON. IS SOMETHING WRONG?

NO, I...

YES. MAYBE. IT'S...

IT'S JUST THAT IT'S ABOUT TO GET VERY...BAD... HERE, AND--

DON'T YOU SAY IT...THIS IS NOT A GOODBYE CONVERSATION--

I'M NOT SAYING ANYTHING'S GOING TO HAPPEN TO ME. I JUST...I JUST WANTED TO SAY--

--THAT I LOVE YOU. AND... I'LL SEE YOU SOON. OKAY?

I HAVE TO GO NOW. AS THEY ALWAYS SAY IN THOSE BIG BUDGET MOVIES WHEN THINGS GET REALLY HAIRY IN THE THIRD ACT--

"--THIS IS IT."

There was never any question that sooner or later it would come down to this.

Whether a law is right or wrong, moral or immoral, is an idea, a personal philosophy...but it always seems that fights over ***IDEAS*** skip over the barrier into the real world and become battles of real violence.

So why is it, then, that our dreams of peace, our aspiration to love, to better understand one another, so rarely make the same leap?

I don't know... I don't know...

All I know...is that now that the final battle has started, I can't stop...won't stop... until and unless ***HE*** stops.

And he won't. He'll never sacrifice what he stands for.

Not as long as he's alive.

And the people up there...in the buildings, in the media--

--in their over-priced condos and apartments--

--their press helicopters and Air Force jets, their weapons hot--

--I wonder if any of them realize we're not really fighting for ourselves, for our turf, for the right to wear a mask...we're fighting for ***THEM***.

For our ability to be there, without condition, when the darkness comes.

I guess I'll never really know.

But in the end, I suppose all that ***REALLY*** matters, is that ***THEY*** understand. That ***THEY*** know.

Because without Aunt May, without MJ, I wouldn't have anything worth fighting for.

Only things worth dying for.

DUDE! LOOK AT 'EM, WIPIN' EACH OTHER OUT!

YEAH... SAVES US THE TROUBLE!

EDITOR'S NOTE: THIS STORY TAKES PLACE BEFORE DAREDEVIL #93.

THE WAY THE FIGHT'S GOING, IT LOOKS LIKE WE MAY NOT NEED TO PULL THE TRIGGER, BOSS.

I DISAGREE.

IF OUR FRIEND SURVIVES, WE TAKE CARE OF HIM WHEN HE GETS HOME. IF HE'S KILLED IN ACTION, I WANT THE OTHER TWO TAKEN OUT ON--

--WELL, ON *PRINCIPLE*. AFTER ALL, THEY'LL BE UTTERLY DEVASTATED IN THE EVENT OF HIS DEATH. WHICH WILL MAKE OUR TASK--

--AN ACT OF MERCY.

HEY, MR. KINGPIN!

CHECK IT OUT!

BET YOU NEVER SAW *THAT* COMING.

QUITE THE OPPOSITE.

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SEE THE FINAL CLIMACTIC BATTLE IN CIVIL WAR #7 FOR WHAT'S HAPPENING ON THAT TELEVISION SCREEN.

IN EVERY TWO-SIDED WAR THERE MUST, IN THE END, BE *ONE* WINNER AND *ONE* LOSER.

AND *THIS* ONE WILL SERVE US VERY, VERY WELL.

TONIGHT, THE CITY OF NEW YORK IS STILL REELING, STRUGGLING TO PICK UP THE PIECES OF A SHATTERED NEIGHBORHOOD AND COME TO GRIPS WITH THE EVENTS OF THE LAST TWENTY-FOUR HOURS.

PIG 25

TRYING TO ANSWER THE QUESTION... WHAT NOW?

AND WHAT DOES IT ALL MEAN?

WELL?

CAPTAIN AMERICA DEFEATED!

IRON MAN DEFEATED!

RUN IT.

SLOWLY, NEIGHBORS AND BUSINESSMEN AND OTHERS HAVE BEGUN TO MOVE OUT INTO THE STREETS--

--TO ASSESS THE REAL EXTENT OF THE DAMAGE, AND ITS COST.

BUT WHEN MEASURING THE COST OF THIS CONFLICT, WHAT DOLLAR FIGURE DO WE GIVE TO LIVES LOST, CAREERS DESTROYED, RELATIONSHIPS TORN APART AND WOUNDS THAT WILL NEVER TRULY HEAL?

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ONE WAY

BAR

LOST HEROES, FALLEN HEROES--

--AND SOME WHO WILL NEVER GET UP AGAIN.

COMPLICATING MATTERS FURTHER ARE THE HEROES WHO CANNOT BE FOUND AMID THE RUBBLE AND DESTRUCTION. AMONG THOSE MISSING IN ACTION ARE TRIATHLON, COLDBLOOD...

AND NEW YORK'S OWN...SPIDER-MAN.

MARY JANE...?

I JUST... I NEED TO GET SOME AIR.

HE'LL BE ALL RIGHT, YOU KNOW.

HE WILL. HE WILL.

HE *HAS* TO BE.

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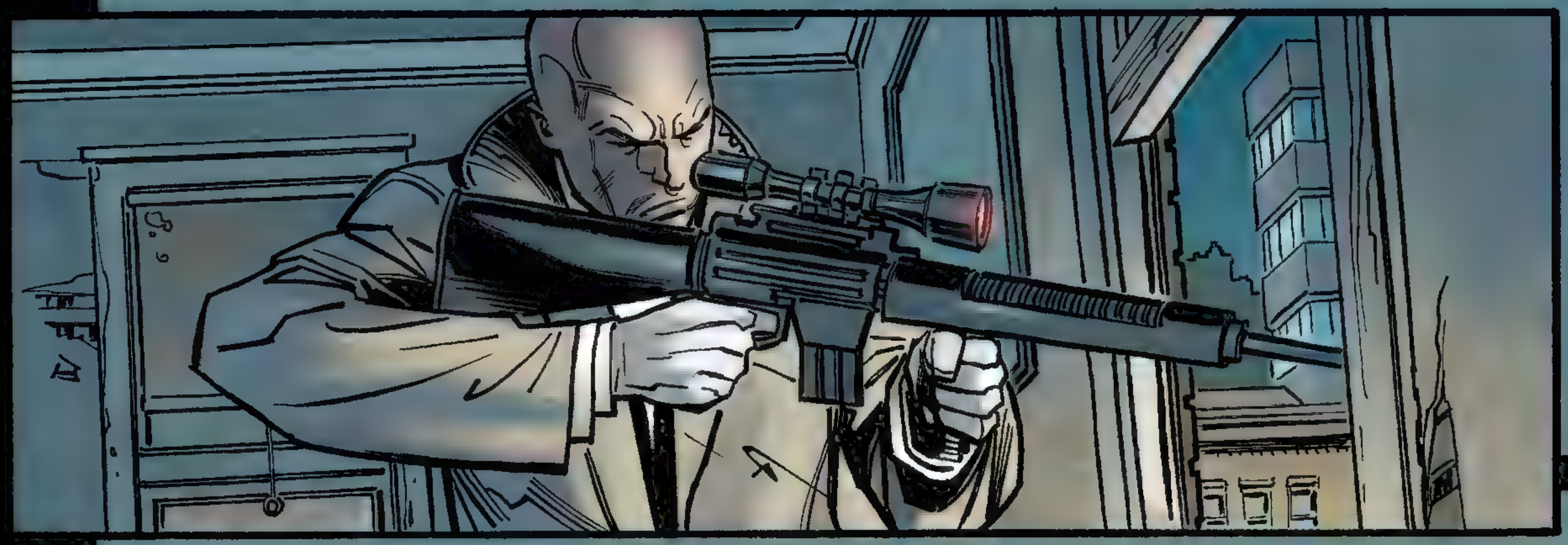
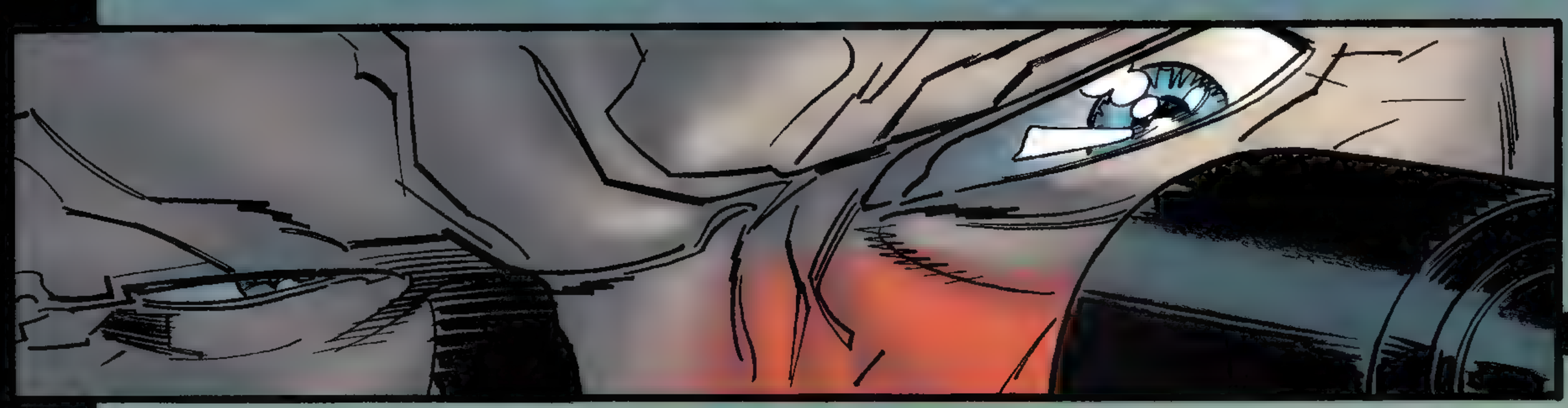
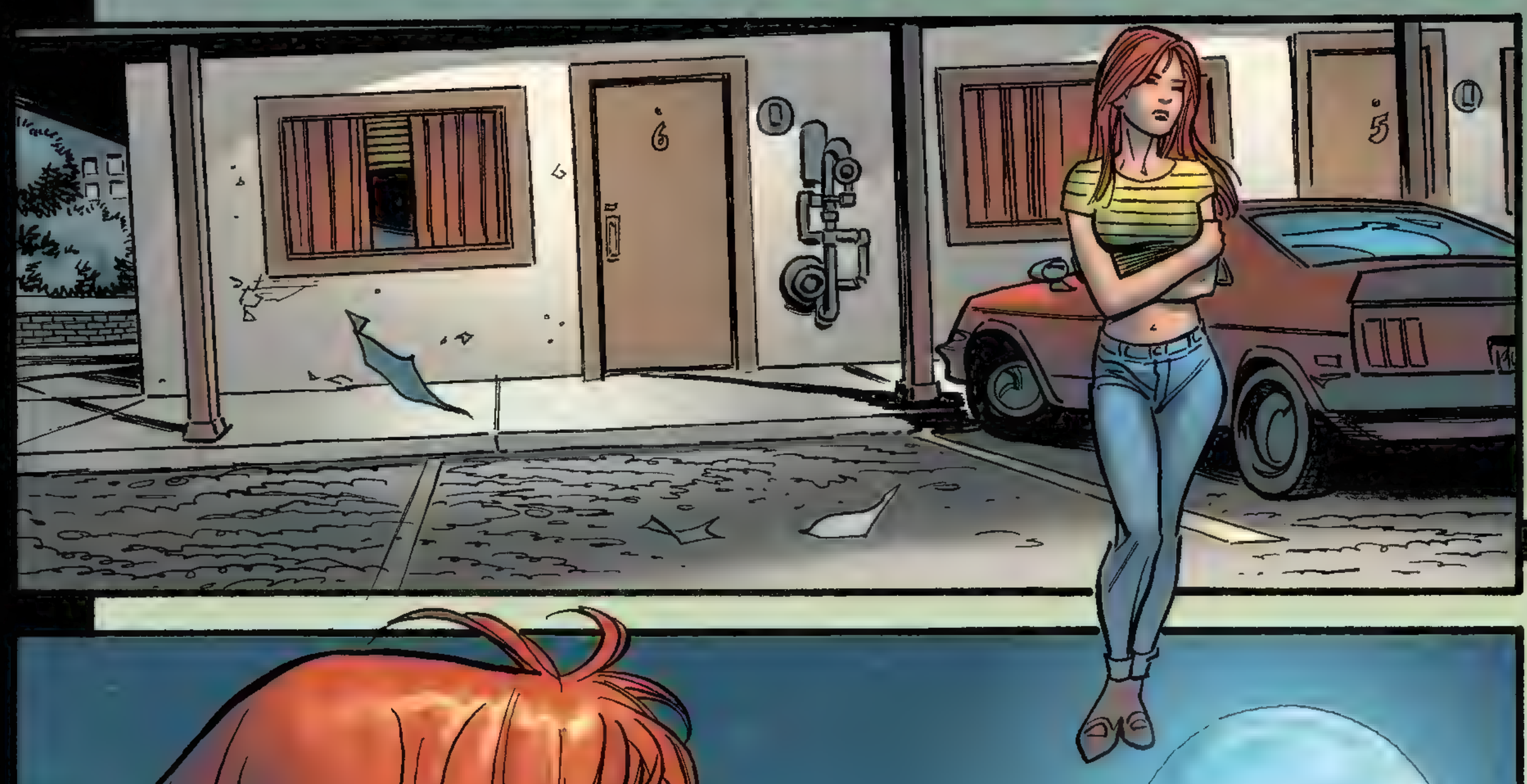
BZZZT!

JUST LET HIM COME HOME SAFE, GOD. I'LL DO ANYTHING, GIVE *UP* ANYTHING, IF YOU'LL JUST...

...LET HIM COME HOME. PLEASE.

I'LL GIVE UP ANYTHING... ANYTHING...

...ANYTHING.

WE'RE TOLD THAT THE PRESIDENT IS NOW MEETING WITH HIS ADVISORS TO CRAFT A SPEECH HE WILL GIVE TO THE NATION LATER TONIGHT.

MEANWHILE, MEMBERS OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ARE SAYING THAT THE CONFLICT IS NOW AT AN END, AND THAT THE PARTIES ON ALL SIDES SHOULD NOW COME TOGETHER IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE NATION. TO PUT OUR DIFFERENCES BEHIND US.

BILL FOSTER R.I.P.

DOUBTLESS, THIS WILL BE EASIER FOR SOME THAN FOR OTHERS.

Remember, Spider-Man seems to have a knack for knowing when trouble is coming his way. So be sure to stay as quiet as possible until--

--well, *UNTIL.*

HUGGLER

YOU OF ALL PEOPLE SHOULD KNOW A WATCHED POT NEVER BOILS, MJ. HE'LL GET HOME WHEN HE--

THERE HE IS.

CLICK

WELCOME HOME, THE CONQUERING HERO!

BZZZT!

SO HOW DID IT GO?

FINE, FINE, I--

PETER? IS SOMETHING--

SOMETHING'S--

--SOMETHING... WRONG--

DOWN!

MJ... MJ, ARE YOU--

P-PETER...

NO... NO...

NOOOO!

TO BE CONTINUED
IN BACK IN BLACK
PART ONE!